

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

05/09/01  
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a ☐ continuation/☒ divisional  
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:  
Inventor: Maertens et al  
Serial No. 08/836,075  
Filed: April 21, 1997

Atty Dkt.: 2752-43  
C# M#  
Date: May 9, 2001  
Group: 1643  
Examiner: Zeman

For: **NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
PROPHYLACTIC, THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):  
Inventor(s): Maertens et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year/Filed
95870076.7	Europe	28 June 1995
94870166.9	Europe	21 October 1994
WO 96/13590	PCT	9 May 1996

☒ already filed in WO 96/13590 filed \_\_\_\_\_

- ☒ The prior application is assigned to Innogenetics N.V..
- ☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to B. J. Sadoff et al, Reg. No. 36,663 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/836,075, filed April 21, 1997, now pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
- ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein and return of an initialed copy of the 4 page PTO 1449 Forms, listing the same, are requested, pursuant to MPEP § 609.
- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Other: Request with Sequence Listing; Change of Address Form; Exclusive Substitute Power of Attorney

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee		\$	710.00
Total effective claims	18 - 20 (at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3 (at least 3) =	0 x \$ 80.00	\$ 0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)		\$	270.00
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 980.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract		-(	0.00)
		<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 980.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)		\$	0.00
		<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>	\$ 980.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account N. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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